

CLAIMS

1. A method for printing a URL page by a computing system, comprising the following steps:

5 (a) when a reference to a URL address is dragged and dropped upon a print icon performing the following substeps:

(a.1) accessing the URL page from an Internet network; and,

(a.2) printing the URL page on a printer;

10 wherein substep (a.1) and substep (a.2) are performed without displaying the URL page to a user of the computing system.

2. A method as in claim 1 wherein substep (a.2) includes the following substeps:

15 when the URL page is unchanged from a time when the URL page was previously printed by the computing system, so notifying the user of the computing system and giving the user of the computing system an opportunity to cancel printing.

3. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) the reference to the URL address is dragged from a subscription list available as part of a resource utilized by a print delivery Internet site.

4. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) the reference to the URL address is dragged from URL addresses listed in a file.

25 5. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) the reference to the URL address is dragged from URL addresses listed in a browser history window.

6. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) the reference to the URL address is contained within a URL print icon.

30 7. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) the reference to the URL address is contained within a browser shortcut icon.

8. A method for printing a URL page by a computing system, comprising the following steps:

35 (a) when a reference to a URL address for the URL page is dragged and dropped upon a desktop for the computing system, performing the following substep:

(a.1) creating on the desktop a special icon representing the URL page address; and,

(b) upon a user performing a function to activate the special icon, performing the following substep;

5 (b.1) printing the URL page.

9. A method as in claim 8, wherein substep (b.1) is performed without displaying the URL page to the user of the computing system.

10 10. A method as in claim 8 wherein substep (b.1) includes the following substeps:

when the URL page is unchanged from a time when the URL page was previously printed by the computing system, so notifying the user of the computing system and giving the user of the computing system an opportunity to cancel printing.

15 11. A method as in claim 8 wherein in step (a) the reference to the URL address is dragged from a subscription list available as part of a resource utilized by a print delivery Internet site.

20 12. A method as in claim 8 wherein in step (a) the reference to the URL address is dragged from URL addresses listed in a file.

25 13. A method as in claim 8 wherein in step (a) the reference to the URL address is dragged from URL addresses listed in a browser history window.

14. A method as in claim 8 wherein in step (b) the special icon is activated by double clicking on the special icon.

30 15. A method as in claim 8 wherein in step (b) the special icon is activated by dragging and dropping the special icon on a print icon.

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35 ~~16. Storage media that stores software, which when executed performs a method for printing a URL page by a computing system, the method comprising the following steps:~~

~~(a) when a reference to a URL address is dragged and dropped upon a print icon performing the following substeps:~~

~~(a.1) accessing the URL page from an Internet network; and,~~

(a.2) printing the URL page on a printer;
wherein substep (a.1) and substep (a.2) are performed without displaying the URL page to a user of the computing system.

5 17. Storage media as in claim 16 wherein substep (a.2) includes the following substeps:

when the URL page is unchanged from a time when the URL page was previously printed by the computing system, so notifying the user of the computing system and giving the user of the computing system an opportunity to cancel printing.

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18. Storage media as in claim 16 wherein in substep (a.1) the reference to the URL address is dragged from one of the following locations:

a subscription list available as part of a resource utilized by a print delivery Internet site;

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URL addresses listed in a file;

URL addresses listed in a browser history window;

a URL print icon; and,

a browser shortcut icon.

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19. Storage media that stores software, which when executed performs a method for printing a URL page by a computing system, the method comprising the following steps:

(a) when a reference to a URL address for the URL page is dragged and dropped upon a desktop for the computing system, performing the following substep:

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(a.1) creating on the desktop a special icon representing the URL page address; and,

(b) upon a user performing a function to activate the special icon, performing the following substep;

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(b.1) printing the URL page.

20. Storage media as in claim 19 wherein substep (b.1) includes the following substeps:

when the URL page is unchanged from a time when the URL page was previously printed by the computing system, so notifying the user of the computing system and giving the user of the computing system an opportunity to cancel printing.

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